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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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JEAN HILL, CHAIRPERSON

ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, May 15, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Members:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input type="checkbox"/> Myrna Calderon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Snider <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diletta Pina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Francis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Laiosa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nora Feury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Martinez
Minutes Done By:	Nora Feury, Secretary

Minutes:

I. Executive Committee Chair Remarks

- a. Barbara Stronczer opened the meeting at 6:30 pm by welcoming all. She reminded the members about speaking out and waiting to be recognized. In addition, when members request information from office staff verbally they should follow it up with an E Mail.
- b. Events: Committee Chairs should check the Community Board’s calendar before planning events to avoid conflicts and an overload on the District Manager. When an event is planned all members of the Committee should be part of the planning and should attend the event.
- c. CB Calendar: The yearly calendar will list all approved events. Plan an activity early in order to be placed on the calendar. Be reminded that events should come out of a committee as a motion before sending it to the Executive Committee for approval.
- d. Agendas: Committee agendas should be placed on the website as early as possible to attract interested community residents.
- e. Minutes: There should be no blank pages where committee minutes are posted. To avoid a “ no report “ page, plan agenda topics in advance and work with committee members to take minutes. Tip: use a tape recorder or a phone to record meetings.

II. Chairperson’s Report

- a. Jean Hill gave an update on the upcoming Bus Tour and places to be visited.



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1. We will be visiting sites on Jerome and Webster Avenues and places of controversy throughout. Fordham Landing and Aqueduct Walk is on the agenda, along with driving past places of interest where a bus cannot stop and park. Lunch will be served at the end of the tour.
- b. Jean requested that speakers at the Public Session sign up to speak no later than 7 pm and that they be limited to 2 minutes. If a speaker wishes more time they will be referred to a Committee Chair for further discussion.
- c. The Executive Committee congratulated Jean for the honor bestowed on her by the Borough President at the Community Board's Celebration on May 9th.
- d. The Committee went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at this point. The Committee again resumed with the meeting.

III. District Manager's Report

a. District Service Cabinet-

1. NYPD-

- Increase in robberies in Sector B and C (e-bikes)
- Beware of Phone scams asking for personal information

2. FDNY-

- 2779 Webster Avenue has a large amount of tires blocking the nearby business. The tire shop has been fined and asked to clear the pathway

3. DEP-

- City DEP proposing over 2% water rate increase. New Yorkers could see a water rate increase next year. The city Department of Environmental Protection is proposing a 2.36 percent increase to fund critical drinking water and wastewater projects. A typical customer would see a monthly increase of between \$1.35 and \$2.17.
- Backflow prevention devices prevent contaminated water or chemicals from flowing back into the public drinking water supply system. Certain types of businesses are legally mandated to install and operate approved backflow preventers. Corner https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/forms_and_permits/backflow_faq.shtml-SE

4. DOT- Parking sign change request/feasibility East 194th Street and Decatur to change from NO PARKING ANYTIME to NO PARKING TUESDAY & FRIDAY



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5. DOHMH- Measles outbreak mainly in Brooklyn.
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/measles.page>
6. OEM- would like to conduct presentations to large groups of people in the summer.
7. NYS Senator Alessandra Biaggi-
 - Will be providing constituent services for those residing within her senate district at Bronx Community Board 7 every second Tuesday of the month from 11am-4pm.
8. NYS Assemblywoman Nathalia Fernandez- Bronx Day in Albany June 12.
9. NYC Council Member Cohen- “Every Spot Counts” if you see an area where there is over signage notify his office.
- b. NYC Council Charter Commission- The 2019 Commission — made up of members appointed by the Mayor, the Speaker of the City Council, all five Borough Presidents, the Public Advocate, and the Comptroller — has a broad mandate to conduct a top-to-bottom review and will bring its recommendations to the public in November 2019. <http://www.charter2019.nyc/>
- c. Community updates: The owner of 307 east 204th Street (used to be chase bank) would like to potentially bring a GYM as a tenant and the area is not zoned for it. I will be connecting him to NYC Planning for any inquiries about the process. The follow up would be to come to the land use committee for input.

IV. Committee Reports & Motions

- a. Budget, Personnel & Ethics
 1. The attendance sheets were distributed and reviewed. The sheets will no longer list a member as excused. If a member is not present they will be listed as absent. If a member cannot be present they should call their Committee Chair. When a member is absent three times in a row, they will receive a letter regarding their absence. To date, Tiffany Wheatland-Disu has indicated that she will be resigning from the Board.
 2. Andrew is working on the Board budget to identify the expenditure of the remainder of the funds.
 3. The Expense and Capital Budget was briefly reviewed in preparation for presentation to the entire Board for approval.
- b. Economic Development & Long Term Planning
 1. The Fokkus Restaurant on Fordham Road is requesting a permit for a sidewalk café. They will present at May 22nd meeting.



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2. The Census Bureau is seeking people to work on the Census. Some of these jobs may lead into permanent employment.
 3. Note: Morton Williams closed its doors unexpectedly leaving the community without a Supermarket and leaving many staff without a job.
 4. The question of 2 parking spaces near Devoe Park which were lined out was raised. Members are requesting the removal of the lines due to parking there by drivers with parking placards.
- c. Education, youth & libraries
1. Myrna Calderon shared a booklet on Better Evidence For Better Schools. It is available to interested educators and parents.
 2. On June 1st the Kingsbridge Library will sponsor a Resource Fair of activities available to the public. Flyers will be ready for distribution. Volunteers welcome.
 3. The “Make A Wish “ Foundation will be honoring Myrna for her participation in the program on Sunday May 19th. We congratulate Myrna for a job well done.
- d. Environment & Sanitation
1. **Motion:**
 - To submit comments to the Department of Environmental Conservation in support of the Brownfield Cleanup of the former University Heights Yard at West 192nd, St. by May 24th. Motion to send letter was approved with one abstention by Dilletta Pina.
- e. Health & Human Services
1. The next meeting will have a presentation on “Issues and Revolution on Mental Health”.
 2. There will also be a Columbia University student who will share her thesis on Emergency Visits at Montefiore Hospital.
- f. Housing, Land Use & Zoning
1. CAMBA gave a presentation of their project on East 202 St and East 203 Street There will be 2 buildings with 323 Apts. 11 stories high with a courtyard and a driveway and hopefully with enough passage for a fire truck.



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2. There will be apartments set aside for the homeless. The senior Center will assist in the placement of eligible families.
 3. There are still many questions from Board members about the project.
 4. The next meeting will be on “ Preferential Rent “.
- h. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs
1. Since someone from Forestry was unable to attend the Parks Committee meeting the questions submitted were answered by Joe Montegnero.
 2. The Bronx Bandits gave an update on their permit for Frisch Field.
 3. The PEP Squad will present at the next meeting.
- i. Public Safety & Quality of Life
1. Dilletta Pina gave a report on the Community Board Recognition Night at the Borough Presidents office where Board Chairs were honored including our own Jean Hill. Again, Congratulations Jean.
- j. Public Relations
1. Remind all of the parade on Sunday. Volunteers for the table are needed. The Newsletter is almost finished. Thanks to all who cooperated in making it the success it is.
- k. Traffic & Transportation
1. **Motions(s):**
 - To provide a letter of support for the approval of the DOT Safety Project. Motion approved unanimously.
 - To provide a letter of support for the expansion JUMP Bikes across the Bronx. Motion approved with 2 “No” from Bill Francis and Chad Royer.
- m. Veterans Affairs
1. The Veterans Brunch is Friday at 9:30 am at Lehman. 5 Veterans from the community were chosen. The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs will participate. All are welcome.
 2. The Committee has not heard back from the Veterans group who place flags on the graves of veterans in Woodlawn Cemetery. As soon as there is information on this, the volunteers will be notified.

VI. New Business

- a. Jean thanked all for the support at the many events throughout the year.



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- b. The Nominating Committee will meet before the next meeting to review the procedures for the nominations in May and to select a Chair. Voting will take place in June.
- c. There continues to be strong opposition to the CAMDA project on E.202-203 Street. A recommendation to override the approval will be sent for consideration to the Housing Committee.

VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 8:25pm